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REMARKS

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1. On 24 December 1953, the Buelow Kaserne in Frankfurt/Oder was occupied almost to capacity by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank and motor transport insignia. On 21 December, about 60 to 80 troops received instruction on 57-mm AT guns in the barracks area, while about 80 to 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, armed with carbines, submachine guns, and 3 machine guns and carrying practice targets entered the installation from the direction of Rosengarten. On 19 December, about 100 troops received instruction on 10 to 12 mortars, including several 120-mm mortars, in the barracks yard. On 24 December, 2 T-34/85 tanks were seen in front of the vehicle sheds in the installation.

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2. On 24 December, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied almost to capacity by about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. At about 10 a.m., 3 trucks towing 3 x 37-mm AA guns left the installation toward Westkreuz, while about 80 troops were lined up in the barracks yard.

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3. On 24 December, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied almost to capacity by about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia and blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. On 22 December, about 60 officers with tank insignia left the installation toward Westkreuz and, at about 12:30 p.m., 3 trucks, each occupied by about 20 troops, towing a 76-mm AT gun entered the installation.

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4. At about 6:30 p.m. on 19 December, about 100 officers with tank and artillery insignia and carrying baggage arrived at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station from the direction of Regen. The officers were picked up by trucks. At about 3 p.m. on 22 December, about 100 to 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, armed with carbines, carrying rucksacks and coming from the direction of the Eichhorn Kaserne, were entrained toward Fuerstenwalde at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station.

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[] 5. On 6 January, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 25 December, about 50 troops entered the installation from the direction of Westkreuz. [] 6 x 76-mm AA guns at the northern border of the installation area. On 6 January, about 30 troops, armed with submachine guns, left the installation toward Rosengarten.

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6. On 6 January, the Buelow Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Between 22 December and 6 January, 10 x 57-mm AT guns and 10 x 76-mm AT guns were observed in the yard. On 4 January, about 230 troops were drilling in the yard. Source did not observe any vehicular traffic.

7. On 6 January, the Eichhorn Kaserne was occupied by about 300 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. []

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8. On 6 January, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by about 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Between 22 December 1953 and 6 January 1954, T-34 tanks []

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9. On 6 January, the Horn Kaserne was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. []

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10. On 6 January, the Ziethen Kaserne was occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 29 December, 25 troops received instruction on a 57-mm AT gun in the area opposite the main entrance of the installation.

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11. At about 10 p.m. on 25 December, a column of 15 trucks towing 3 x 76-mm AA guns was seen en route toward the town, coming from the direction of Westkreuz. At about 6 p.m. on 26 December, 8 trucks, towing 2 x 76-mm AA guns []

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[] were seen proceeding toward the town, coming from the direction of Westkreuz.

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12. [] the VOB special construction bureau, Frankfurt/Oder, had so far been allotted 7,000,000 eastmarks for construction projects in 1954. []

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1. [] Comment. Except for the underestimated strength figures, especially of the Ziethen Kaserne, [] the information does not indicate any change in the distribution of units in the Frankfurt/Oder post. [] the columns mentioned in paragraph 11 are fairly definitely believed to have belonged to the 32d AAA Div (U).

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